

What is Claimed is:

1. A sewing machine needle comprising a blade which includes a needle point and has a needle eye formed at a portion thereof in the vicinity to said needle point; wherein

5 over a predetermined length from an edge, closer to said needle point, of said needle eye toward said needle point, said blade has a straight profile extending parallel to a longitudinal axis of the needle as viewed from a side of the needle in a direction orthogonal to a direction in which  
10 said needle eye extends;

over a predetermined length from the straight profile portion toward said needle point, said blade has a profile of a flat cross-section in which a thickness thereof in the direction in which said needle eye extends is larger than a  
15 width in the direction orthogonal to the direction in which said needle eye extends; and

in a needle point portion following the flat cross-section portion and extending to said needle point, said blade has a sectional shape of a perfect circle.

20 2. The sewing machine needle according to claim 1, wherein the length of the straight profile portion is within a range of 0.5 to 1.5 mm, and the length of said needle point portion is within a range of 0.5 to 1.5 mm.